

I am deeply concerned that the decision by Sinclair Broadcasting to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair's actions are outrageous since they are using public airwaves free of charge, and they are obligated by law to serve the public interest. When a few large companies control the airwaves democracy is shut down not expanded. Public airwaves should be held more locally rather than be produced at "News Central" far away. Democracy needs to see real people from their own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.